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H.B. No. 3659

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to liability insurance requirements for certain child-care providers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Sections 42.049(a), (b), (d), and (e), Human Resources Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) A child-care provider [~~license holder~~] shall maintain liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$300,000 for each occurrence of negligence. An insurance policy or contract required under this section must cover injury to a child that occurs while the child is on the premises of the child-care provider [~~license holder~~] or in the care of the child-care provider [~~license holder~~].

(b) A child-care provider [~~license holder~~] shall file with the department a certificate or other evidence from an insurance company showing that the child-care provider [~~license holder~~] has an unexpired and uncanceled insurance policy or contract that meets the requirements of this section.

(d) The insurance policy or contract shall be maintained at all times in an amount as required by this section. Failure by a child-care provider [~~license holder~~] to renew the policy or contract or to maintain the policy or contract in the required amount is a ground for suspension or revocation of the child-care provider's [~~license holder's~~] license, listing, or registration under this chapter.

1 (e) In this [This] section, "child-care provider" means the
2 holder of a license issued under this chapter or an operator of
3 [does not apply to a group day-care home or] a listed or registered
4 family home.

5 SECTION 2. Section 42.049(c), Human Resources Code, is
6 repealed.

7 SECTION 3. A group day-care home and a listed or registered
8 family home must, not later than January 1, 2020, file with the
9 Department of Family and Protective Services a certificate or other
10 evidence from an insurance company showing that the group day-care
11 home or listed or registered family home has an unexpired and
12 uncanceled insurance policy or contract that meets the
13 requirements of Section 42.049, Human Resources Code, as amended by
14 this Act.

15 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect January 1, 2020.